

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH  
CERTIFICATE OF NEED PUBLIC HEARING

**MISCELLANEOUS CON REVIEW STANDARDS**  
**January 21, 2004**

Lewis Cass Building  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
320 South Walnut Street  
Lansing MI

Cardiac Catheterization Services  
Computed Tomography (CT) Scanner Services  
Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Services  
Neonatal Intensive Care Services/Beds  
Nursing Home & Hospital Long-Term-Care (HLTC) Unit Beds  
Positron Emission Tomography (PET) Scanner Services

**ORAL TESTIMONY**

PANEL

Brenda Rogers, Special Assistant to Certificate of Need Commission

GENERAL PUBLIC ATTENDANCE

There were approximately 17 people in attendance.

PUBLIC HEARING

Proceedings scheduled to start at 10:00 a.m.; actual start time was 10:03 a.m.)

MS. ROGERS: Good morning. My name is Brenda Rogers; I am Special Assistant to the Certificate of Need Commission from the Department of Community Health. Chairperson, Renee Turner-Bailey, has asked the Department to conduct today's hearing.

We are here today to take testimony concerning potential language revisions to the following Certificate of Need Review Standards: Cardiac Catheterization Services, Computed Tomography (CT) Scanner Services, Magnetic Resonance Imaging/(MRI) Services, Neonatal Intensive Care (NICU) Services/Beds, Nursing Home & Hospital Long-Term Care (HLTC) Unit Beds, Positron Emission Tomography (PET) Scanner Services.

The proposed changes to the mentioned CON Review Standards pertain to modifications to the "rural" definition and potential changes to related sections.

Please be sure that you have signed the sign-in log on the table in the back. Copies of the proposed changes to each review standard can also be found on the table. Comment cards can be found on the table, too, and need to be completed if you wish to provide testimony. Multiple review standards may be identified on one comment card. We will hear testimony on one review standard at a time. However, if your comment is the same for multiple standards, it only needs to be stated once.

Please hand your card to me if you wish to speak. Additionally, if you written comments please provide a copy as well. As indicated on the Notice of the Public Hearing, written testimony may be provided to the Department through January 28th, 2004, at 5:00 p.m. We will begin the hearing by taking testimony from those of you who wish to speak. The hearing will continue until all testimony has been given, at which time we will adjourn.

Today is Wednesday, January 21st, 2004, and we are now taking testimony. Amy Barkholz, MHA.

MS. BARKHOLZ: Good morning. This is Amy Barkholz from the Michigan Health and Hospital Association. My comments are very brief. I just want to thank the CON Commission and the Department of Community Health staff for addressing the issue of the definition of micropolitan statistical areas so swiftly. We think that the proposed language is excellent and will fix the problem, and we ask the Commission to take final action at the March meeting to approve the proposed language. It allows the newly designated micropolitan statistical areas to continue to be included with rural counties in the current CON standards. Thanks.

MS. ROGERS: Thank you. Bob Meeker, Spectrum Health.

MR. MEEKER: My name is Bob Meeker from Spectrum Health in Grand Rapids. My comments apply to all the standards as well, but relate not to the rural issue, but rather to the requirements for Medicaid participation, for which there has already been a hearing, but I think that there was additional discussion at the last Commission meeting. Spectrum Health is in strong support of the legislature's language that all CON holders participate in the State Medicaid program, and we believe that the language should be strengthened from what was proposed by the Department, such that relatively equal participation among all providers of a similar service is achieved rather than participation being one or only a handful of Medicaid patients a year. That we believe that every provider of a service should take their fair share, as it were. We have proposed language that we're submitting to this Commission for their consideration regarding that.

MS. ROGERS: Thank you. Any other comments related to all of the standards? If not, I will go through each one and see if we have any individual comments. Cardiac Catheterization Services; CT Scanner Services; MRI Services; NICU Services; Nursing Home and Hospital Long-Term Care; PET Scanner Services. Okay. Hearing no further comments at this time, we will adjourn until 10:15 for any latecomers. At 10:15, we will reconvene to hear any further testimony. If there is no further testimony at that point, we will adjourn this hearing. We are recessed.

(Off the record)

MS. ROGERS: This hearing is now back in order. Are there any additional comments on any of the previously mentioned standards? Hearing none, this hearing is adjourned at 10:16. Thank you for coming.

(Proceedings concluded at approximately 10:16 a.m.)